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SUMMARY: LABOR PARTY REPRESENTATIVES ARE PLEASED WITH  
THE RESULTS OF THE AMSTERDAM SI MEETING. THEY WERE  
PARTICULARLY GRATIFIED WITH SOARES' ANNOUNCEMENT OF  
THE ESTABLISHMENT OF DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS. THEY  
DISCUSSED THE CHANGE FROM RABIN TO PERES WITH THEIR  
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SOCIALIST COLLEAGUES. THE EFFECT OF HUMAN RIGHTS CON-  
SIDERATIONS ON DETENTE REMAINS A MATTER OF CONCERN.  
END SUMMARY

1. ISRAEL GAT, DIRECTOR OF THE LABOR PARTY INTER-  
NATIONAL DEPARTMENT, DISCUSSED WITH US THE AMSTERDAM  
MEETING OF THE SOCIALIST INTERNATIONAL (SI) PARTY

LEADERS CONFERENCE. HE EXPRESSED HIS SATISFACTION WITH THE GENERAL TENOR OF THE MEETING, THE POSITIONS TAKEN ON THE MIDDLE EAST AND SOVIET JEWRY, AND THE CORDIAL RECEPTION ACCORDED TO FOREIGN MINISTER ALLON AND HIMSELF AS THE ISRAELI REPRESENTATIVES.

2. THE MAIN TOPICS ON THE AGENDA, I.E., EAST-WEST RELATIONS, DETENTE, AND HUMAN RIGHTS, HAD BEEN TREATED IN A RATHER GENERAL WAY AS A BASIS FOR DISCUSSING EUROPE'S PRINCIPAL FOREIGN POLICY CONCERNS. HOWEVER, THE DELEGATES WERE QUITE SPECIFIC IN EXPRESSING THEIR CONCERN OVER SOVIET INTENTIONS TOWARD THE WEST, AND PARTICULARLY THE POTENTIAL FOR SOVIET AND CUBAN MISCHIEF IN AFRICA AND THE MIDDLE EAST. SOVIET PROMOTION OF CONFLICT IN THESE TWO AREAS WOULD AFFECT VITAL EUROPEAN AND SOCIALIST INTERESTS AND REDUCE THE PROSPECTS FOR DETENTE.

3. SINGEGALESE FOREIGN MINISTER ASSANE SECK JOINED IN THE WARNING ABOUT SOVIET AND CUBAN INTENTIONS IN AFRICA AND ASKED FOR EUROPEAN AND SI SUPPORT OF THE "MODERATE AFRICAN FORCES." FOREIGN MINISTER ALLON WARNED THAT THE SOVIET ROLE IN AFRICA AND IN A MIDDLE EAST SETTLEMENT WILL BE CRUCIAL TESTS OF THE SINCERITY OF THE SOVIET COMMITMENT TO "DETENTE."

4. TO SHOW CONCERN, THE SI AGREED TO SEND A DELEGATION TO SOUTHERN AFRICA TO EXAMINE THE CURRENT SITUATION THERE (SEE REFTEL). AS TO THE MIDDLE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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EAST, THE SI EXECUTIVE BUREAU WILL EXAMINE THAT PROBLEM IN THE FRAMEWORK OF A DISCUSSION OF HUMAN RIGHTS AND MEDITERRANEAN ISSUES UNDER THE CHAIRMANSHIP OF FRANCOIS MITTERAND, AT A MEETING SCHEDULED FOR JUNE IN ROME.

5. ISRAEL WAS ESPECIALLY PLEASED WITH PRIME MINISTER MARIO SOARES' ANNOUNCEMENT AT THE MEETING THAT PORTUGAL WILL ESTABLISH DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH ISRAEL. THE ISRAELI CONSULATE IN LISBON WILL BEGIN FUNCTIONING AS AN EMBASSY THE BEGINNING OF MAY. PORTUGAL WILL ESTABLISH ITS EMBASSY IN ISRAEL BEFORE THE END OF THE YEAR. THE ISRAELI LABOR PARTY WILL SEND A DELEGATION TO ATTEND THE PARIL 25 CELEBRATION OF THE PORTUGUESE REVOLUTION.

6. REGARDING INDIA, GAT DESCRIBED THE TALKS ALLON AND HE HAD WITH GEORGE FERNANDES, THE LEADER OF THE PRAJA SOCIALIST PARTY, AND SIRINDA MOHAR, THE PARTY'S

GENERAL SECRETARY. THE INDIANS AGREED TO ARRANGE EXCHANGES OF DELEGATIONS WITH THE LABOR PARTY IN THE NEAR FUTURE AND GAT INDICATED THAT ISRAEL WOULD SOON SEND ISRAELI TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE EXPERTS TO INDIA. FERNANDES HAD INDICATED THAT THE INDIAN GOVERNMENT PARTIES HAD AGREED TO MERGE INTO A SINGLE PARTY AND THAT THE NEW PARTY WOULD DISCUSS INDIA'S ATTITUDE TOWARD THE MIDDLE EAST BEFORE THE END OF THE MONTH.

7. DANISH PRIME MINISTER ANKER JORGENSEN WILL COME TO ISRAEL MAY 13 AS REPRESENTATIVE OF THE SI TO SHOW SOCIALIST SUPPORT AND SOLIDARITY WITH THE LABOR PARTY. REGARDING THE ATTITUDE OF THE EUROPEAN SOCIALIST LEADERS TOWARD THE CHANGE OF PARTY LEADERSHIP FROM RABIN TO PERES, GAT SAID THAT THE REACTION HAD BEEN MIXED. KREISKY SEEMED PLEASED

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AND PRAISED PERES AS A STRONG LEADER. HOWEVER, THE GERMANS AND THE BRITISH EXPRESSED SOME ANXIETY ABOUT PERES' "HAWKISH IMAGE."

8. COMMENTING ON THE HUMAN RIGHTS DISCUSSIONS AND THE QUESTION OF JEWISH EMIGRATION FROM THE SOVIET UNION, GAT SAID THAT ISRAEL WAS SATISFIED WITH THE SI COMMITMENTS. HOWEVER, HE NOTED THAT THIS COMMITMENT HAD BEEN QUALIFIED BY EXPRESSIONS OF CONCERN FOR MAINTAINING DETENTE. MOST EUROPEAN LEADERS FEEL THAT, WHILE HUMAN RIGHTS ARE IMPORTANT, SO IS DETENTE AND THAT THIS ISSUE SHOULD NOT BE USED FOR AN EAST-WEST CONFRONTATION. THIS CONCERN HAD ALREADY BEEN EXPRESSED AT THE SI EXECUTIVE BUREAU MEETING IN LONDON IN MARCH. AT THAT TIME, CONGRESSMAN DONALD FRASER HAD ADDRESSED A LETTER TO THE SI SECRETARIAT ASKING THE INTERNATIONAL TO JOIN WITH SUCH GROUPS AS THE WORLD COUNCIL OF CHURCHES, AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL, AND THE CHRISTIAN INTERNATIONAL IN A WORLD-WIDE CAMPAIGN AGAINST VIOLATIONS OF HUMAN RIGHTS. WHILE THE SI ACCEPTED THIS INVITATION, IT CLEARLY DID SO WITH RESERVATIONS, FEARING THAT "RIGHT WING ELEMENTS" AMONG THE CHURCH GROUPS AND THE CHRISTIAN INTERNATIONAL MAY SEEK TO USE THIS ISSUE FOR IDEOLOGICAL REASONS TO UNDERMINE "DETENTE." THIS CONCERN CONTINUED TO BE EXPRESSED AT THE AMSTERDAM MEETING.

9. IN A SEPARATE CONVERSATION, WE HAVE BEEN INFORMED THAT PRIME MINISTER RABIN HAD PLANNED TO ATTEND THE MEETING; WHEN HE ANNOUNCED HE WAS RESIGNING IN

FAVOR OF DEFENSE MINISTER PERES, THE LATTER WANTED  
TO ATTEND IN ORDER TO MEET WITH HIS SOCIALIST COLLEAGUES  
AND TO INDICATE HIS INTEREST IN ISRAEL'S RELATIONS  
WITH EUROPE. HOWEVER, WHEN IT APPEARED RABIN MIGHT  
REMAIN IN OFFICE, PERES DECIDED NOT TO GO TO AMSTERDAM  
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AND ALLON REPRESENTED THE LABOR PARTY.  
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